

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
8/17/2021

Key Services

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Transportation Planning](#)
- [GIS Mapping Services](#)

Upcoming Events

**USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural
Communities and Households**

Applications are ongoing
[Click Here!](#) To apply.

2021 Texas Groundwater Summit

Hyatt Regency Hill Country
San Antonio, Tx
Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2021
Registration Fee: \$375
[Click Here!](#) To register.

2021 SWREDA Conference

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
Rogers, Arkansas
3303 S Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
Sept. 1-3, 2021
Registration Fee:\$395
[Click Here!](#) To register.

**2021 National Recreation and Park
Association Hybrid Conference**

Nashville, Tn
Sept. 21-23, 2021
[Click Here!](#) To register and
view registration packages.

Central Texas Highlights

Bell County Museum

"Bell County Sports" features artifacts and photos that illustrate the story of sport in our area. Visitors will learn about Killeen Track champion Regina Cavanaugh, Temple coach Bob McQueen, Belton football star Robert Ford, Troy baseball great Craig McMurtry, coaching legend Lanky Lancaster, and many more. Visit the museum and have fun learning about Bell County Sports this summer! [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

Did You Know?

USDA, anticipates providing up to \$125 million in Track Two: Impact funding. Track Two: Impact Grant funds must be used in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and to advance ideas and solutions to solve regional rural health care problems to support the long-term sustainability of rural health care. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

Economic Development Administration

Alejandra Y. Castillo, has been named the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. On August 13, 2021, "...I formally assumed the duties of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and administrator of EDA. For me, this is a welcome homecoming. I previously had the honor of serving as National Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, as well as other assignments within the Department of Commerce. It has been a joy to reconnect with so many of the career professionals with whom I've previously had the privilege to work." [Click Here!](#) To read the full introduction.

FEMA, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program will support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. To learn more [Click Here!](#)